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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECTS: CONSTRUCTION

REF: MANAGUA 2094 AND PREVIOUS

1. THIS IS THE EIGHTH IN A CONTINUING SERIES OF TELEGRAMS SUMMARIZING MAJOR PROJECTS IN NICARAGUA, WHICH OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR U.S. FIRMS. EACH TELEGRAM FOCUSES ON ONE SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SERIES, A COMPOSITE, TYPED REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED TO MEPD.

2. PROJECT I -- CONSTRUCTION OF ALL-WEATHER ROAD FROM RIO BLANCO TO SIUNA

### A. DESCRIPTION

THIS PROJECT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 116-KILOMETER ALL-WEATHER ROAD FROM RIO BLANCO TO SIUNA IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SELAYA, NICARAGUA'S EASTERN-MOST DEPARTMENT. THE GRAVEL ROAD WILL CUT THROUGH A MOUNTAINOUS, HEAVY-RAINFALL AREA AND WILL INCLUDE SIXTEEN MAJOR BRIDGES AS WELL MANY MINOR ONES. SUPERVISION OF THE PROJECT WILL BE PERFORMED BY LOUIS BERGER AND ASSOCIATES, A U.S. CONSULTING FIRM.

### B. PROJECT COST

TOTAL COST WILL BE \$43 MILLION, \$32 MILLION OF WHICH WILL BE  
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SUPPLIED BY THE INTER-AMERICAN BANK FOR DEVELOPMENT.

### C. FOREIGN PROCUREMENT

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND SERVICES. AMERICAN CONSTRUCTION FIRMS MAY WISH TO ESTABLISH A JOINT VENTURE RELATIONSHIP WITH A NICARAGUAN FIRM TO BID ON THE PROJECT.

### D. TIME OF EXECUTION

FINAL ENGINEERING AND DESIGN PLANS NOW BEING COMPLETED. CALL FOR

PRE-QUALIFYING FIRMS WILL TAKE PLACE WITHIN SIX MONTHS. CONSTRUCTION WILL PROBABLY BEGIN EIGHTEEN MONTHS FOLLOWING PRE-QUALIFICATION AND IS EXPECTED TO LAST FOUR YEARS.

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3. PROJECT II -- AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION, RESEARCH, AND EXTENSION PROGRAM

A. DESCRIPTION

THIS PROJECT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION, RESEARCH, AND EXTENSION CENTERS IN NICARAGUA. THE CENTRAL ONE WILL BE LOCATED IN MANAGUA WHILE SEVEN OTHER STATIONS WILL BE BUILT IN THE TOWNS OF EL RECREO, NUEVA GUINEA, SANTO TOMAS, SEBACO, BONITELLO, CAMPO AZULES, AND MASATEPE. THE CENTERS WOULD CONDUCT AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AS WELL AS PROVIDE TRAINING AT ALL LEVELS FROM TECHNICIANS TO A MASTER'S DEGREE IN AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING.

B. PROJECT COST

TOTAL COST OF PROJECT IS ESTIMATED AT \$26.4 MILLION, \$5 MILLION OF WHICH WILL GO TO CONSTRUCTION AND \$5.7 TO FOREIGN PROCUREMENT. NEGOTIATIONS ARE UNDERWAY WITH THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (DB) WHICH MAY PROVIDE \$18 MILLION FOR PROJECT.

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C. FOREIGN PROCUREMENT

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES, EDUCATION AND RESEARCH MATERIALS, VEHICLES.

D. TIME OF EXECUTION

IDB TO MAKE DECISION ON THE LOAN BEFORE END OF 1978. CONSTRUCTION WOULD FOLLOW.

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